for another law. Someone said that there is a law, PCA, PCE, PAC, Act. Under that law also it is not clearly the CBI which can do it. You can do it under that law also. I said that the Government is willing to ensure that probe becomes really fruitful and purposeful.

लेकिन हां, मल्टी-डिसिप्लिनरी मानीटरिंग एजेंसी की कल्पना मूलत: मुझे लगता है कि साउंड है। होनी चाहिए और मेरे एक सदस्य ने कहा कि उसमें टाइम लिमिट कोई रखनी चाहिए। मैं सहमत हूं। जरूर रखनी चाहिए। कुछ न कुछ हम प्रेस्क्राइब करेंगे। टाइम लिमिट होगी। टाइम फ्रेम के अंदर होना चाहिए नहीं तो इन्डिफिनिटली होगा। इसमें समस्या यह हुई कि इसको बहुत समय लग गया। काफी समय लग गया। पहली इंक्वायरी जो जस्टिस वर्मा जी ने की थी वह काफी शीघ्र हो गयी। अच्छी हो गयी और अच्छी भी थी। लेकिन दूसरी में समय लग गया क्योंकि दूसरी का नेचर ऐसा था। इसलिए हमने केवल एक विषय को अलग करके बाकी सब एम०डी०एम०ए० को सुपुर्द किया। एक ही विषय अलग लिया क्योंकि वह जरा कठिन है और जरा सैंसिटिव है क्योंकि उसमें कहा गया है कि हमको संदेह होता है। उन्होंने कहा है कि मुझे संदेह होता है कि इसमें फारेन हैंड है। संदेह उन्होंने प्रकट किया जैन ने। उन्होंने कुछ फारेन देशों की एजैंसीज के भी नाम लिए।

तो सरकार ने तय किया कि यह एम०डी०एम०ए० के परव्यू में न ला करके हम इसका काम एक्स्टर्नल अफेयर्स मिनिस्ट्री, मिनिस्ट्री आफ् होम अफेयर्स और हमारी जो अपनी इंटैलीजैंस एजैंसीज हैं, इनके सुपुर्द करेंगे तो यह सैंसेटिव मामला जो है ढंग से उसको डील किया जाए। जरूरी नहीं है कि यह सब के बारे में सार्वजनिक घोषणाएं की जाएं। एम०डी०एम०ए० का काम जो होगा वह तो ज्यादा ओपन होगा, ज्यादा सीधा होगा, लेकिन यह जो काम होगा वह उतना डिस्क्रीट होगा, लेकिन जानकारी सरकार को और देश को मिलनी चाहिए कि इसमें कितनी सच्चाई है। यह एप्रोच ले करके यह सरकार इस मामले को टैकल कर रही है और यही बात मैं कल दूसरे सदन में करूंगा। मैंने विपक्ष के कई प्रमुख नेताओं से बात चीत की है, कल भी, आज भी और मैं चाहूंगा कि बाकी विपक्ष के नेता भी जो इस बारे में सुझाव देना चाहते हैं वह मुझे जरूर दें। सरकार चाहेगी कि इस जघन्य अपराध के पीछे अगर कोई षडयंत्र है और लगता है कि हो सकता है तो उस षडयंत्र को बेनकाब किया जाए और उसके लिए अपराधियों को दंडित किया जाए। इसमें सरकार किसी भी प्रकार की कसर नहीं छोड़ेगी और किसी भी प्रकार का संकोच नहीं करेंगी।

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: उपसभापति मोहदया ...(**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति: अभी डिसकशन तो हो गया है। ...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: आप लिख कर दे दीजिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: उपसभापति जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से गृह मंत्री जी से केवल यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जो एम०डी०एम०ए० एजैंसी है ...(**व्यवधान**) तो ऐसे बिंदु जो कि एम०डी०एम०ए० में कवर अभी नहीं हुए हैं जिनका समावेश होना था और जैन कमीशन का आब्ज़र्वेशन है, फाइंडिंग है तो जिन बिंदुओं का समावेश नहीं हुआ है और जिन बिंदुओं पर ए०टी०आर० साइलैंट है, क्या उन बिंदुओं को भी गृह मंत्री जी एम०डी०एम०ए० में या जो एजैंसी बनायेंगे उसमें जोड़ने की कृपा करेंगे?

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी: मैं समझता हूं कि मैंने जो उत्तर दिया है उसमें काफी गुंजाइश है।

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Merchant Shipping (Second Amendment) Bill, 1998.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have Bills, Nos. 2,3,4 and 5 which have been reported to the House and the announcement was also made. Now, let us take up the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1998, for consideration and passing. Shri Madan Lal Khurana.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): Madam, the Salary, Allowances and...

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): Madam, I have a point to make.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him complete ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MD. SALIM: My point is not with regard to this Bill. ...*(Interruptions)*... We are agitating since morning and the hon. Minister incharge of Information and Broadcasting said that the Prasar Bharati (Amendment) Bill required the assent of the hon. President. It was passed on last Friday in the Lok Sabha. The message came but the Government could not list it in the business because the hon. President's assent could not be taken. ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA (Delhi): Now that is over ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी (उत्तर प्रदेश): अब जो है आपके सामने है। ... (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, I have a question to put. ...*(Interruptions)*... In the morning Shrimati Sushma Swaraj made a statement that since it was late night on Friday, the Bill was sent to the hon. President on Monday morning for his assent. This is a * statement by the hon. Minister on the floor of the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Madam, what is this? ...*(Interruptions)*... **यह क्या बोल रहे हैं, मैडम, यह क्या बात कर रहे हैं?** ...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: मैडम* शब्द अनपार्लियामेंटरी है।

SHRI MD. SALIM: Madam, I have the information ...*(Interruptions)*... It is her responsibility. ...*(Interruptions)*... Madam, when the Minister was making a statement on the floor of the House with all responsibility ...*(Interruptions)*... the Minister was misleading.

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: मैडम, "*" अनपार्लिमेंटरी है ... (**व्यवधान**)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, that word should be removed. Either you can say "misleading" or "not correct".

SHRI MD. SALIM: Sorry, Madam. *(Interruptions)* Okay. The Minister misled this House. I have definite information, when the Minister was making a statement on the floor of this House, by that time also, yesterday was the first working day—the Bill was not sent to the President for his approval *(Interruptions)*. This matter is proved. If the Government is willing, they can send a Bill within an hour from Lok Sabha to the President and then to this House. If they are not willing, they cannot bring that Bill. This ...*(Interruptions)* the honesty and the basic commitment to this institution of Rajya Sabha.

श्री मदन लाल खुराना: मैडम, मैं कह सकता हूं कि बिल प्रेसीडेंट को भेजा गया है। ... (**व्यवधान**)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: See, I wanted ...*(Interruptions)*. Just one minute *(Interruptions)*. Let me dispose of ...*(Interruptions)* Mr. Salim, I must tell you, however concerned you may be about Prasar Bharati, you can raise that issue when the right time comes. Just now we are dealing with another Bill and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs got up to move that Bill. So, if that Bill ...*(Interruptions)*. Just one second, let me complete. (*Interruptions*). Let this Bill and the four which are listed before me be disposed of. Before I dispose of the listed business, I cannot dispose of the unlisted business. That is my difficulty. *(Interruptions)* It is not listed. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): I want to know from the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to kindly enlighten the House. *(Interruptions)*

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी: मैडम, कौन से दासगुप्ता को आप ने इजाजत दी है? दोनों खड़े हुए हैं, कुछ कनफ्यूजन हो गया है। ... (**व्यवधान**)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me find out who wants to speak on what. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I want to speak on this listed business.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On this, okay. *(Interruptions)*. I have got two papers here. *(Interruptions)*

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, in the Business Advisory Committee meeting this Bill was not discussed. No time was allocated for the Bill. But, there are many other issues which are listed. We have had no time to discuss here.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How do you know that we do not have the time? I never

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

said so in the morning. When I came in the afternoon, I never said, we won't discuss any business. I told the House, if the House is so keen to sit throughout the night I am prepared to sit here. You discuss anything you like from the listed business. *(Interruptions)*.

No problem. So, do not complain. After that ...*(Interruptions)*

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, cannot the Session be extended?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That also is left to you. You do not have to go to the government for extension of the Session. I have ...*(Interruptions)*. Just a minute. Let me explain to him. I calculated the listed business which is there for further discussion. एक मिनिट बैठिए, मैं आप को बता देती हूं। Mr. Malhotra, it is 2-1/2 hours. Working of the Industry Ministry, five hours. On the Motion of Goa, it is 2-1/2 hours. Total business is ten hours plus the statement of the Minister, another two hours. So, total 12 hours. If you sit for 12 hours from now, we will go tomorrow. So, already the session becomes extended.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: If that is the case, why cannot the Session be extended for another two days?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You do not have to ask them. You just sit and it will be extended without the permission.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Session be extended? Because in addition to the listed business ...*(Interruptions)*.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I tell you, today the House is more powerful than the Government in this matter. I want to give it to you.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, in addition to these 12 hours, we should have another hour because one Minister, the Minister of Labour gave an assurance in the House and he was directed. That should also be added. The Minister was given the direction by the Chair. ...*(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us not have confusion. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I am on a different point. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: About the Labour Minister, I went through the record, I did say that the Labour Minister should come with specific replies to the queries made here. Along with that, I said that we should find time in the Business Advisory Committee and then he could come and answer. It was a discussion. He had a long reply to give. Now, the Business Advisory Committee did not meet. It did not give him time. But I assure you that when we meet in the next Session, I will ask the Labour Minister to come and give a reply. In fact, he came and told me. I said: 'No'. I told him: 'When we find time, we will ask you to come over here and the whole labour problem can be discussed'. Therefore, Mr. Biplab Dasgupta, this disposes of your point.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: One more point, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How many points are left with you for me to dispose of, which are not listed?

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: It is on this Bill, Madam. It is a very important question. As no time has been allocated for this Bill, you have to decide....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We are not discussing it. We are just passing it.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: In that case, those who have different views should be allowed to speak. It cannot be passed without discussion, Madam. *(Interruptions)* You must allow us to speak.

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD (Jammu and Kashmir): Those who have different views should not draw their salary. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no problem, Mr. Biplab Dasgupta. Anybody who has a divergent opinion on this subject can express it. The Chair has no objection. If you want to speak, you can speak. I told you. I offered my services for the whole night if you sit here. But you have not taken my offer.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: I am taking your offer.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. Sit here.

Now, let us dispose of these Bills. I must inform the House that this unlisted Business is taking the time of the House.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, about these Bills. My point is this. I would respectfully request the hon. Minister looking after Parliamentary Affairs to let us know as to how this miracle was achieved. How could the Government get the formalities completed in the Rashtrapati Bhavan so swiftly? We would like to know. *(Interruptions)* How could this miracle have been achieved? *(Interruptions)* I have a right to ask. I am only saying...,

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your right will be protected.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My only point is this. Would the hon. Minister enlighten the House on how this miracle Was achieved? May I know how it could be done so swiftly in this ease, whereas, in other cases, the Government has been found to be following a totally dilatory tactics?

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, you are left, not right.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me just point out. I would like to remind the House. For the last couple of weeks, couple of months, and even years, Members of Parliament were agitating on the issue of their salary and allowances. They were getting a salary of just Rs. 1,500/-.

There was a Committee appointed by the Presiding Officers of both the Houses to discuss this matter. This matter was raised in the House. Perhaps, you were not present. Mr. Biplab Dasgupta was present over here. Mr. Malhotra, Mr. Chavan and Mr. Pranab Mukherjee also contributed. From the Chair, I also contributed. While we are talking about the other issues, this was a major point over which the Members were concerned—about their facilities.

It is the responsibility of the Chair—while I am here, or, the hon. Chairman is here—to protect the rights and privileges of the Members of Parliament. When the Chair gives a direction to the Government, it is the responsibility of the Government to reply to that. That is the reason why the Government has come up with this. I am happy, the Government has responded. They went and got the assent of the President.

Now, Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, if you had asked me about the other Bills, if you had asked for a direction, I would have asked the Government to bring them up. But you did not use your authority. You did not use your privilege. You are at a loss. If you had asked me, I would have done it.

In this case, we gave a promise. We went to the Prime Minister. We discussed with him. We explained to him the problem. It is not that Members of Parliament are doing something clandestinely. We are doing something honourable. It is our responsibility. I must make it very clear that what we are doing today is not something which is beyond the power of the Government, or , it is something which is outrageous. It is something which is decent and proper.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, I never said that it is clandestine. I only wanted to know from the Government as to why the Government did not move so swiftly in respect of the other things also. I never said that it is clandestine.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, now that you have understood very well. ..,*(Interruptions)* Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, now that you have understood the reason, I am sure that next time you will use your privilege. You ask the Chair. It will protect you. Don't worry.

THE SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move :

> "That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The question was proposed.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, I want to say...